

In the matter of the petition for rule making RM-10783 we offer the following comments as licensed Amateur Radio Operators (AROs), Life Members of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), coordinators for Dayton SKYWARN (www.dayton-skywarn.org) and participants in the Adopt-A-Ham program operated in our local area (see Feb 1996 QST and ARRL publication - Ham Radio...Planning for the Future 2000, pages 46 & 48).

The crux of this petition is to eliminate Element 1 (CW) in all Amateur Radio Licensee qualifications (only). We fully support elimination of Element 1 (CW) in any Amateur Radio Licensee qualifications. However, this proposal does not address disposition of Technician Class license holders. Because Technician and Technician Plus Class examinations differ only by Element 1 (CW) testing, we support any motion by the Commission on making the two technician class licenses equivalent in terms of operating privileges.

Respectfully Submitted

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